

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING

ELITE INVITATIONAL

January 24-26, 2003

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**Held under the sanction of Middle Atlantic Swimming
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Please note important changes from 2002 Elite Meet:

- There is a \$2 surcharge for each swimmer entered in the meet, including Relay only swimmers.
- 11/12 swimmers that have a qualifying time for the 100 yrd/mtr Fly, Back, Breast (but not the 200 of that stroke) may enter the 200 yard event in that same stroke at the time standard. 11/12 swimmers having a qualifying time in the 200 IM may enter the 400 IM at the time standard.
- Relay entry fees are now \$8 per Relay.
- The 200 Fly/Back/Breast and 400 IM will no longer be swum as a 14/under event. The 11/12 and 13/14 age groups will be separated in order to allow the Meet Director to split the pools more efficiently.
- All 11/12 and 13/14 Relays will be moved to the beginning of Prelims. There are no relays in Finals.
- All swimmers must be entered in the Meet prior to the closing of entries; this includes Relay-only swimmers. **NO SWIMMER WILL BE ADDED INTO THE MEET DATA BASE AT THE MEET.**
- The top eight swimmers (after combining 13/14 and 11/12 seedings) that check in for the 1650 and 1000 Free **MUST** swim during Finals. There will be **NO** option to swim those events during the Prelim session if the swimmer is seeded in the top eight.

- Eligibility This Meet is open to all swimmers who are currently registered with USA Swimming and who meet the qualifying time standards. Age group is determined by the swimmer's age on January 24, 2003. Swimmers are limited to no more than three (3) individual events and one (1) relay per day.
- Facility Gloucester County Institute of Technology facility has two 8-lane/25-yard pools equipped with Competitor lane lines, starting blocks; water depth is 12 and 5 ft at starting ends. Colorado timing system with eight lane scoreboard on deep pool and one lane scoreboard display on shallow pool. Separate spectator area/unlimited parking.
- Entries: All entries should be prepared using the "Hy-Tek CommLink" or compatible program. You may either (a) send a computer disk containing your entry information, a Hy-Tek entry report, the Meet Summary Sheet and your check to the MA Office, or (b) send the entry information and entry report via E-mail to Office@maswim.org; then send the Meet Summary Sheet and your check to the MA Office. Please waive the 'signature required' if your entry is sent via a Postal Service that provides one. **Do not send a disk if you e-mail your entries to the office.** If use of a Hy-Tek compatible program is not possible, the attached Entry Form must be used. A fee of \$5.00 per swimmer will be charged any team which enters five or more swimmers and does not use a computer entry.
- Swimmers must enter their best times. All times submitted must be for the course in which they were achieved; converted times are not acceptable. Non-conforming times will be seeded according to USA Swimming procedure.
- Deck entries will not be accepted at this Meet.
- Proof-of-Time: Middle Atlantic Swimming will require proof of entry time from any swimmer who does not swim the Qualifying Time at the Meet. Individuals who cannot prove their entry time will be charged a \$50 fine and be suspended from Middle Atlantic competition until the fine is paid.
- Entry Fee: \$ 3.00 per individual event.
\$ 8.00 per relay entry.
Make checks payable to "Middle Atlantic Swimming"; please submit one check per Club.
- Entry Deadline: All entries must be received by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2003**. No late entries will be accepted. Entries will be processed on a 'first come, first served' basis. Middle Atlantic reserves the right to limit the number of entries to keep within a reasonable time limit. Refunds will be given for eliminated events. **Entries will not be processed without payment of the entry fees. No exceptions.**
- Mail to: Mail entries to: Middle Atlantic Swimming
Elite Invitational Entries
2018 Naamans Road, Suite 3
Wilmington, DE 19810

Electronic entries and well as any entry questions can be sent to the Middle Atlantic Office at office@maswim.org

Awards: Individual events: Medals for 1st-8th places
Relays: Medals for 1st-3rd places.

A High Point Award will be presented to the top three Teams based on overall points. In addition, an Award will be presented to the top scoring Boy and Girl in each individual Age Group.

Finals: All 10 & Under events are Timed Finals (swum in afternoon only).
11/12 and 13/14 age groups will swim an A- and B- Finals in the evening (except the 11/12 200 Back, Breast, Fly events which will swim A-Final only).
The B-Final will precede the A-Final at Finals.
All Friday night events, plus the 1000 Free, 1650 Free are Timed Finals.

Relays: All relays will be swum at Prelims, as Timed Finals.

Scratch policy: Any swimmer who does not swim a pre-seeded preliminary or a pre-seeded timed-final event will not be penalized. Any swimmer who positively checks-in for a deck-seeded event and does not swim that event will be barred from their next individual event, either on the same or next meet day. Any swimmer who qualifies for Finals in a Preliminary/Finals event and does not report for or swim Finals will be barred from the rest of the Meet (including Relays) unless the swimmer has scratched or indicated their possible intention to scratch within thirty (30) minutes of the announcement of the Preliminary results, and then confirmed such intention to scratch within thirty (30) minutes of the announcement of the results of that swimmer's last individual event at the Preliminary session. A swimmer who does not confirm their intention will be seeded into the event. Swimmers who are initially announced as Alternates for a Finals heat will not be so penalized.

Seeding: The 400 IM, 500 Free, 1000 Free and 1650 Free individual events and all Relays will be Deck-seeded; all other events will be Pre-seeded. Positive check-in is required to be seeded into Deck-seeded events. The 400 IM and 500 Free will swim slow-to-fast; the 1000 and 1650 Free will swim fast-to-slow. The top eight (from combined 11/12 and 13/14) seeded swimmers will swim the 1000/1650 at Finals; however, they must check in by the morning deadline.

Starting: This Meet will be run using the USA Swimming Whistle commands and "No Recall" False-start rule.

Time Trials: Time Trials will be available after Finals on Saturday and Sunday at a fee of \$6.00 per individual swim and \$12.00 per relay. To swim a Time Trial, a swimmer must be within 0.5-sec per 50-yd of the Sectional Championship Time Standard for that event. A swimmer may swim one Time Trial per day in an event; maximum of two Time Trials per day. A Time Trial event counts in the total allowable events to be swum each day (3 individual and 1 relay.) Time Trials are open to any USA Swimming registered swimmer. Time Trials cannot be used as consideration times for the Middle Atlantic Zone All Star team.

		<u>Warm-ups</u>	<u>Meet Starts</u>	
Schedule:	Friday	All events timed finals 4:30pm	5:30pm	
	Saturday	11/12 and 13/14 prelims 10/Under timed finals 11/12 and 13/14 Finals	7:45am 1:15pm 5:00pm	9:00am 2:00pm 6:00pm
	Sunday	11/12 and 13/14 prelims 10/Under timed finals 11/12 and 13/14 Finals	7:45am 1:15pm 4:30pm	9:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm (note change from Saturday)

Prelims for 11/12 and 13/14 will be held in both courses. 10/Under timed finals, and Finals for 11/12 and 13/14 will be held in the deep pool. Order of events for finals will be identical to the order for prelims, except for the 1000 Free and 1650 Free which will swim be swum first at Finals and will consist of one heat girls and one heat boys. Each heat will consist of the top eight seeded swimmers (morning check in required) from the 13/14 and 11/12 age groups.

Safety Requirements: USA Swimming and Middle Atlantic safety procedures will be enforced during the Meet. Warm-ups are subject to the following procedures: No diving during Warm-up, except in designated sprint lanes. The Referee may remove anyone from the Meet for failure to comply with the Warm-up rules. Swimmers without a Coach should report to the Referee prior to entering the pool to obtain a lane assignment for Warm-up.

Sprint and pace lanes will be assigned at appropriate times by the Referee.

